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**LLOYD ALAN EMMERSON SENTENCED TO THIRTY YEARS FOR  
CRIMES INVOLVING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN**

FRESNO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that Lloyd Alan Emmerson, a former Clovis, California chiropractor, was sentenced to a 30-year term of imprisonment for his role in a world-wide conspiracy to sexually exploit children and distribute photographs of the exploitation via the Internet. Emmerson previously had pleaded guilty to conspiring to sexually exploit children, sexually exploiting children, and receiving and distributing material involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Jon Conklin and David Gappa, who prosecuted the case, approximately twenty (20) defendants from the United States and Europe were indicted in United States District Court in Fresno, California in August of 2002. With the exception of one defendant, whose case has been severed from the rest, the fifteen defendants from the United States all have either pleaded guilty or been convicted after a jury trial.

The case was the result of an extensive investigation by the Clovis Police Department and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

In announcing Emmerson's thirty-year sentence, United States District Court Judge Oliver W. Wanger stated that he never believed it was possible for human beings to engage in the type of conduct at the heart of the conspiracy in this case. He noted that it went beyond depravity and was particularly troubled by fathers being willing to engage in such conduct with their own daughters.

United States Attorney Scott commented, "The conduct involved in this case cannot be understood or justified. Unfortunately, images of the victims in this case will still be circulating on the Internet when Mr. Emmerson completes his sentence. This is simply unforgivable."

Scott Brown, resident agent-in-charge for ICE investigations in Fresno commended the exceptional work of the Clovis Police Department and noted that, "As today's sentencing shows, sexual predators will not go unpunished for their heinous crimes. We will continue to work closely with our local law enforcement partners to identify, arrest, and prosecute those who prey on children."

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